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SUBJECT: INFORMAL CIVAIR TALKS WITH JAPAN

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1. REFTEL APPRECIATED. HOWEVER, I HAVE HEARD FROM BOTH TIMM AND PANAM REP HALE THAT MENGES HAS INVITED PIPER OF CIEP TO ATTEND TALKS AND ALSO ENCOURAGED AIRLINE REPS TO BE PRESENT IN HONOLULU. I CANNOT OBJECT TO PIPER'S PARTICIPATION, ALTHOUGH I CONSIDER IT UNNECESSARY AND INCONSISTENT WITH LOW-KEY APPROACH TO TALKS. RE PRESENCE AIRLINE REPS, I HAD BEEN MY INTENTION NOT TO DEBRIEF AIRLINES UNTIL MY RETURN TO WASHINGTON IN ORDER THAT ALL AIRLINES WOULD NOT FEEL COMPELLED BE IN HONOLULU BECAUSE ONE MIGHT SHOW UP. AS THINGS ARE SHAPING UP, ATA, NACA, PANAM, CONTINENTAL, AND PROBABLY NWA WILL PROBABLY SHOW UP AND INSIST ON BEING DEBRIEFED ON THE SPOT. THIS IS A WASTE OF THEIR TIME AND MONEY. I URGE THAT DEPARTMENT INFORM ATA, NACA, AND AIRLINES THAT THEY CAN GO TO HONOLULU IF THEY WANT TO BUT THAT THEY WILL BE DEBRIEFED IN WASHINGTON ON FEBRUARY 9 AND NOT RPT NOT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN HONOLULU.

2. IF REPORTS OF MENGES "TAKING CHARGE" HAVE ANY SUBSTANCE, I RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO REASSERT DEPARTMENTS PRIMARY ROLE. IT IS NOT HIS RESPONSIBILITY, FOR EXAMPLE, TO INVITE PIPER OR AIRLINE REPS.

3. IN VIEW OF PERSISTENT RUMORS THAT JAP REPS, WHILE NOT ON OFFICIAL GOJ DELEGATION, PLAN TO SIT IN MEETING ROOM, SUGGEST DEPARTMENT ESTABLISH FIRMLY WITH JAPANESE EMBASSY THAT NO AIRLINES REPS WILL SIT IN ON TALKS. IF GOJ INSISTS ON PRESENCE AIRLINES REPS IN TALKS, IT IS MY STRONG VIEW AND THAT OF CAB REPS THAT TALKS SHOULD BE POSTPONED.
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